NWSA Policy Issues Survey

Results

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The survey received 15 responses. After close evaluation of the rankings submitted by the responders, the following priorities emerged:

First Tier

1) Establish USACE policy on return flows

2) Streamline the process for obtaining easements and construction approval for water supply intakes and pipelines

Second Tier

• Increase focus on and visibility of water supply at Corps reservoirs

• Establish a standard procedure for determining benefits foregone for hydropower

• Develop new procedures for establishing the cost of storage

Third Tier

• Establish procedures for OMRRR billing and for developing more useful 5-year OMRRR expense forecasts

• Streamline 404 permitting of state and local reservoirs

• Establish standards and procedures for coordinating reallocation studies with dam safety repairs (permanent or interim repairs)

Fourth Tier

- Establish USACE policy on sediment management

- FIRO (write-in)

Interesting stats: The issue with the most #1 rankings was Return Flows. The issue with the most votes overall was Cost of Storage.